

GENERAL, ADMINISTRATIVE, AND MISCELLANEOUS1-76. Assistance Agreements for Environmental Finance Projects

1. **AUTHORITY.** To the extent authorized, to approve single media and multimedia grants or cooperative agreements for the initiation, support, or expansion of environmental finance projects under the following statutes:
 - a. Clean Water Act, Section 104(b)(3);
 - b. Safe Drinking Water Act, Section 1442(c)(3) and Section 1420(g).
2. **TO WHOM DELEGATED.** The authority to approve grant awards is delegated to the Water Division branch chiefs, or equivalent, for their respective branches.
3. **LIMITATIONS.**
 - a. This authority does not include research within the purview of the Office of Research and Development.
 - b. This authority is limited to approving financial assistance agreements for projects that facilitate financing of environmental programs and infrastructure investments. It does not include the authority to approve funding for basic scientific research that falls under the purview of the EPA's ORD or any successor to ORD.
4. **REDELEGATION AUTHORITY.**
 - a. The authority to approve grant awards may be redelegated to the section chief level, or equivalent, but no further.
 - b. An official who redelegates an authority retains the right to exercise or withdraw the authority. Redelegated authority may be exercised by any official in the chain of command down to the official to whom it has been specifically redelegated.
5. **ADDITIONAL REFERENCES.**
 - a. 40 C.F.R. Chapter 1, Subchapter B, which provides EPA's regulations on Grants and Other Federal Assistance.
 - b. 2 C.F.R. Part 200, OMB Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards; and 2 C.F.R. Part 1500, EPA's adoption and supplementation of the OMB uniform award requirements.
 - c. Federal Grant and Cooperative Agreement Act of 1977, P.L. No. 95-224, as amended, 31 U.S.C. §6301 et seq.
 - d. EPA Order series 5700, which provides EPA policies regarding assistance agreements.

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- e. Delegation 1-14-A, Assistance Agreements, which delegates to officials in the Mission Support Division the authority to take all necessary actions to award, obligate and de-obligate funds for, and administer fellowship, grant, cooperative and loan agreements, and to make any final determinations required by law or regulations, with eligible recipients.



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